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The Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

Red Colonialism (International Communism) as UN Issue

1. Pursuant to direction I have consulted with Dr. Craig and his staff to develop the above subject. Attached is Exhibit A, a memorandum of suggested action program for Lodge in the UN.

2. Craig believes the phrase "International Communism" is preferable to "Red Colonialism" or "Imperialism" because:

A. Exposure of "International Communism" is in line with a major objective of the President.

B. "International Communism" includes "Red Colonialism" or "Imperialism" and is the means by which Moscow has enslaved the captive nations and continues to subvert others for eventual domination.

C. Communist leaders (Bulganin and Kaganovich) scoff at those who contend International Communism is a cause of world tension and put those who so contend in the category of "lunatics or provocateurs" and "slanderers". See attached Exhibit B.

4. The President has taken a clear and positive position on the subject of "International Communism". His position is beyond contradiction. Dr. Craig's group has long had excellent supporting documentation which has been kept up to date and which includes the names and activities of scores of Russian communist Moscow-trained agents presently engaged in international subversion. Mr. Allen Dulles would, I am sure, be willing and able to supply overwhelming evidence to support the President.

In view of the insulting and contemptuous communist reaction to the positive position of the President on this basic issue it is inconceivable that there should be any hesitation or delay in exposing the communist liars at the highest level.

Such exposure would vindicate the President's position. It would take the initiation away from the communists on the subject of "Colonialism". It would be a devastating blow at illegal international subversion. It would do much to increase respect for the UN in Congress and among ordinary people in the United States.

5. The current consideration being given to the admission of Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania into the UN underlines the necessity of raising the above subject at this time lest our failure to vote against communist delegates as representatives of these captive nations be construed as acquiescence in their communist domination.

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6. In your previous conversation with Ambassador Lodge, it was suggested that we prepare some questions with regard to the above subject. Attached hereto is Exhibit C, a series of questions which, frankly, seem to answer themselves.

7. It would seem advisable that a decision that Ambassador Lodge raise this issue in the UN be made at a high level and followed through at the same level to assure its full implementation. If this matter goes through ordinary channels there is danger it will bog down and the President and Secretary Dulles' long-standing desire to expose and neutralize the subversive aggression of International Communism will not be implemented.

RECOMMENDATION

That the matter be taken up directly with Mr. Hoover, Mr. Allen Dulles and Mr. Lodge and arrangements be made for you to go over the available material with Mr. Lodge with the objective of exposing "International Communism" in the UN as a major cause of world tension threatening peace.

Exhibit B

THE CONFLICTING POSITIONS OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER
AND COMMUNIST LEADERS ON "INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM"

I. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AT GENEVA, July 18, 1955:

"There is the problem of international Communism. For 38 years now, its activities have disturbed relations between other nations and the Soviet Union. Its activities are not confined to efforts to persuade. It seeks throughout the world to subvert lawful governments and to subject nations to an alien domination. We cannot ignore the distrust created by the support of such activities. In my nation and elsewhere it adds to distrust and therefore to international tension."

II. BULGANIN AT GENEVA, July 18, 1955:

"The question of the so-called international Communism has also been touched upon here. However, it is known that our Conference is convened to discuss problems of interstate relations but not to discuss the activities of some of the other political parties in various countries or relations between those parties.

"Proceeding from this premise, we hold that raising this question at the Conference of the heads of governments cannot be considered as appropriate."

III. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AT PHILADELPHIA, August 24, 1955:

"Eagerness to avoid war ... can produce ... agreement that injustices ... be perpetuated in the future. We must not participate in any such false agreement ... In the judgment of history we would have sold out the freedom of man for the pottage of a false peace. Moreover, we would assure future conflict ...

"An international political machine, operating within the borders of sovereign nations for their political and ideological subversion cannot be explained away as a cultural movement.

"... "In justice to others and to ourselves we can never accept those wrongs as a part of the peace that we desire and seek."

IV. KAGANOVICH AT MOSCOW, November 6, 1955:

"The great October Socialist Revolution has raised our Motherland to a world level. It ... has made it into a flourishing revolutionary force, a shining beacon lighting the way for mankind toward the creation of a new society ... for thi

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this reason precisely the October revolution ... has supreme international significance. The Soviet people ... are ... proletarian internationalists. ...

"This does not, of course, mean that our state created by the October revolution interferes in the domestic affairs of other states. The propagandists of such affirmations should know that our great teacher, Lenin, said on the subject of the export of revolutions, 'There are people who believe that revolution can be brought into being to order in any country. These people are either lunatics or provocateurs.'"

... Imperialism itself is the stimulator of revolutions ... There appear the country's own leaders and organizers, who have not been imported from abroad as represented by the slanderers. ... Revolutionary ideas know no frontiers; they travel throughout the world without visas and fingerprints. ... the twentieth century is a century of the triumph of socialism and communism!"